

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILED/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/649,563	08/28/2000	Ashok J. Joshi	98125CP01

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FORMALITIES LETTER



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$36.
 - \$36 for 2 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 856.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Joshi, et al.

CASE: 98125CP01

SER. NO.: 09/649,563

FILING DATE: August 28, 2000

FOR: CONTROLLED RELEASE
OF SUBSTANCES

PETITION UNDER 37
C.F.R. 1.81 TO
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2900 Crystal Drive
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ATTENTION OF:

EXAMINER:

Dear Sir or Madam:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

This is in response to the apparent abandonment of the above-identified application.

Accordingly, under 37 C.F.R. Sec 1.81, please consider the below remarks toward withdraw of the abandonment of the present application and passage thereof to substantive examination.

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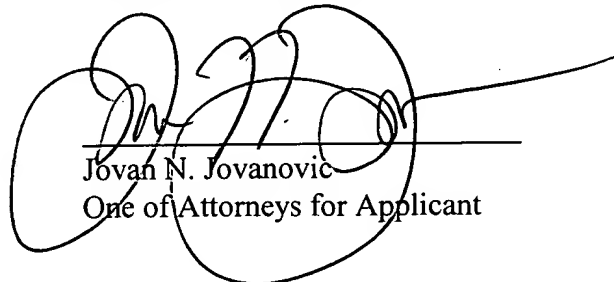
The application was filed on August 28, 2000, return postcard bearing the USPTO mailroom stamp was received on September 7, 2000 (Exhibit A). Apparently, on October 17, 2000, a Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed. The Notice was never received by Applicant and Applicant was unaware of issuance of such Notice. A formal status request was made by Applicant on June 8, 2001 (Exhibit B). The USPTO never responded to Applicants status request. Consequently, Applicant initiated a second status check on September 13, 2001 (Exhibit C). Only then did Applicant first learn that a Notice was mailed to Applicant. Finally, a copy of the Notice was received by Applicant, via facsimile, on September 27, 2001 (Exhibit D).

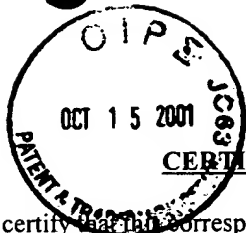
Applicant has been diligent in procedure in attempting to ascertain the status of this Application. As the Notice as originally mailed on October 17, 2000, Applicant is now outside of the six month period in which to respond. To that end, as the deadline to respond was unavoidable, Applicant respectfully requests withdraw of prior issued Notice as well as the mailing of a new notice with a new mailing date and response time period. Additionally, Applicant hereby submits the petition fee of \$130.00.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 226-1818 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 8, 2001


Jovan N. Jovanovic
One of Attorneys for Applicant



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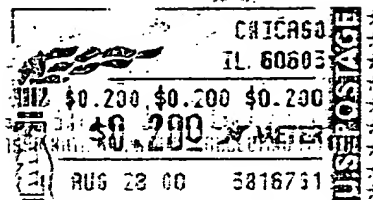
I hereby certify that the correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-3513 on October 8, 2001

Jovan N. Jovanovic

Name of Applicant, Assignee, Applicant's Attorney or Registered Representative

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jovan N. Jovanovic", written over a horizontal line.

"EXHIBIT A"



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June 8, 2001

Attn.: Mr. Preston Wallace
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Filing Receipt Division

Dear Preston:

As per our telephone conversation yesterday, June 7, 2001, here are the patent applications of which our office have not received filing receipts.

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>
09/621072	7-21-00
09/649563	8-28-00
09/705654	11-03-00
09/700243	11-09-00
09/700649	11-16-00
09/721451	11-22-00
09/701821	12-01-00
09/720232	12-19-00

In addition we have an application, filed on November 22, 2000, for which we also have not received a filing receipt. (The inventors are Eric S. Kolb, Martin VanBuren and Denis G. Fauteux) We did receive the postcard from the USPTO as stamped received, however this postcard did not indicate the serial number. I have called your offices and they could not provide me with this information. Please investigate this matter and provide our office with the filing receipt for the patent applications herein identified.


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Your assistance in the matter is greatly appreciated! Should you have any questions, comments, or require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (312) 226-1818

Sincerely,

FACTOR & PARTNERS, LLC



Jenelle Melket
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cc: Jody L. Factor

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Please find the attached letter regarding a request for filing receipts.

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September 13, 2001

VIA FACSIMILE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to our attention that we have failed to receive Filing Receipts for a multiple patent applications. Such patents are listed in the following table. It should be noted that we have received the postcard stamped received by the USPTO.

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>
09/649,563	August 28, 2000
09/705,654	November 3, 2000
09/701,821	December 1, 2000
09/720,232	December 19, 2000
09/845,744	May 1, 2001
09/857,325	May 31, 2001

Those applications which were filed prior to February 2001, were filed in association with the following address:

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Attached, via facsimile is a copy of the Request for Customer Number Data Change form as submitted to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents on January 25, 2001 which changed our correspondence to the address. Additionally, a Notice of Customer Number Data Change is attached for confirmation of acceptance of change in correspondence.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Confirmation upon receipt of this communication would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

FACTOR & PARTNERS, LLC


Jenelle L.A. Melket
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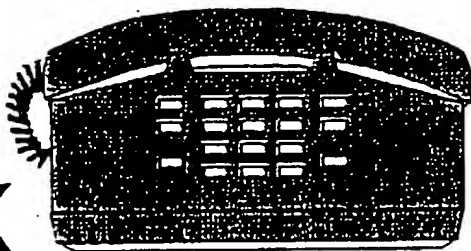
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